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The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No. MERCK 1753 D1  
Prior Application: 08/466,068  
Examiner: R. Trice  
Art Unit: 2515

APR 23  
 This is a request for filing a

1996  Continuation  
 Divisional  
application under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending prior application

Serial No. 08/466,068 filed on June 6, 1995, of Günter BAUR ET AL. for Electrooptical Liquid Crystal Switching Element.

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor signed prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor signed prior application Serial No. 07/877,187, as originally filed on August 6, 1992, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

2.  The filing fee is calculated below:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	Fee
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>19 - 20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$22</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	<b>1 - 3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$78</b>	<b>.00</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status Claimed under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27			<b>BASIC FEE</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
Statement(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filed in Parent			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

3.  The amount of \$750.00 is included in the attached check.  
 If a check is not attached, authorization is given to charge the amount indicated in the above sentence to Deposit Account No. 13-3402; two copies of this page being attached for this purpose.

4.  Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3402 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, two copies of this sheet are attached.

5.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.  
 Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.  
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

6.  Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

7.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: *Amld*  
*# This is a  continuation,  division, of the application Serial No. 08/466,068 filed June 6, 1995, now pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/363,968 filed December 23, 1994, abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/877,187 filed August 6, 1992, also abandoned, which is the national phase of PCT/EP91/00022. *Amld**

8.  Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

9.  New formal drawings are enclosed.  Informal drawings are enclosed.  No drawings.

10.  Priority of application Serial No. P4000451.1 filed on January 9, 1990, in Germany, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

11.  The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 07/877,187 filed August 6, 1992, via the PCT.

12.  The prior application is assigned of record to Merck Patent Gesellschaft Mit Beschränkter Haftung.

13.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to I. William Millen (19,544); John L. White (17,746); Anthony J. Zelano (27,969); Harry S. Shubin (32,004); John R. Moses (24,983); Brion P. Heaney (32,542); Richard J. Traverso (30,595); Diana Hamlet-King (33,302); Richard E. Kurtz (33,936); John A. Sopp (33,103); and Richard M. Lebovitz (37,067) via Power of Attorney filed March 1, 1996.  
 a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
 b. Address all future communications to MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.

14.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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